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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

SECSTATE WASHDC 2772

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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STATE/AID

E.O. 11682: GDS

TAGS: CB

SUBJECT: ANKAN SHIPPING CO.

REF: HONG KONG 8288

1. EMBASSY FILE HOLDINGS HAVE BEEN REDUCED FOR SECURITY REASONS AND OUR FILES ON ANKAN AND PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED THEREWITH ARE IN SAFEHAVEN. THEREFORE, WE ARE UNABLE TO RESPOND TO REFTEL WITH ANY SPECIFICITY. HOWEVER, MR KUOK CHUNG KWONG, CITED IN REFTEL AS A PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDER OF ANKAN, IS KNOWN ALSO AS KUCH AN AND KUO WEN-CH'UAN. WE BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT HAS EXTENSIVE FILES ON KUCH AN. EMBASSY RECALLS INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT IN 1971 WHICH DENIED TO KUCH AN PARTICIPATION IN ANY AID FINANCING INCLUDING LOCAL CURRENCY CONTRACTS FINANCED WITH ANY AID OR PL-480 GENERATED LOCAL CURRENCY.

2. APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO, MR. HOEUR LAY INN, A CAMBODIAN DEPUTSZN CALLED UPON THE DEPUTY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TO SEEK AID
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FUNDING OF A 200-PASSENGER HYDROFOIL VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY

\$500,000. REPRESENTING HIMSELF AS THE PROSPECTIVE BUYER MR. HOEUR LAY INN, SAID HE HAD SEEN AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE BOEING HYDROFOIL. HE WAS CONSIDERING THE HYDROFOIL AS A LESS EXPENSIVE ALTERNATIVE TO AIR TRANSPORT OF BOTH PASSENGERS AND CARGO BETWEEN BANGKOK, KOMPONG SOM AND HONG KONG.

3. WE ADVISED MR.HOEUR LAY INN THAT AID FINANCING UNDER THE CIP WAS USUALLY LIMITED TO \$100,000 TO A SINGLE END USER. FINANCING A LARGER AMOUNT COULD BE CONSIDERED UPON RECEIPT BY THE GKR AND AID OF APPROPRIATE FEASIBILITY STUDIES. WE STRESSED THAT EVEN IF CONSIDERED FEASIBGG FOR AID FINANCING, THE GKR WOULD BE REQUIRED TO DETERMINE ITS PRIORILES GIVEN THE LIMITYC FUNDING AVAILABLE. MR. HOEUR LAY INN WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE EMBASSY COULD PERFORM THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR HIM. WHEN ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY, HE SAYS THAT PERHAPS BOEING COULD DO IT. MR. HOEUR LAY INN SAID THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY AGAIN UPON RECEIPT OF MORE INFORMATION FROM BOEING.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO THE DISCUSSION WITH HOEUR LAY INN, WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT HE AND KUCH AN HAVE BEEN INVOLVED PREVIOUSLY IN JOINT BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING MORE SPECIFIC ON THIS RELATIONSHIP.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS FROM STATE/AID REGARDING KUCH AN.
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